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Docket No. 2409-2-1-4

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests the granting of an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Pat App. Ser. No. 09/744,389, filed on Jan. 29, 2001 and issued as U.S. Pat No. 6,598,825 on July 29, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 09/434,609, filed on Nov. 5, 1999 and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,179,245 on Jan. 30, 2001, which is a division of U.S. Pat. App. Serial No. 09/023,318, filed Feb. 13, 1998 and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,003,807 on Dec. 21, 1999.

As required by 35 U.S.C. § 120, Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a Request for Certificate of Correction amending to the first paragraph of the specification of the above-identified patent application to recite the entire priority claim set forth hereinabove. Also, Applicant confirms that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Included herewith is a credit card form (Form PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of one thousand three hundred seventy dollars (\$1,370.00) to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t). Accordingly, Applicant requests that the correction to the specification filed concurrently herewith be accepted and that the unintentionally delayed priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120, set forth hereinabove, be granted.

DATED this day of November, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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